THE WILLIAM E. PHILLIPS COLLECTION OF FACETTED GEMS

In the hope of engendering interest in establishing a permanent display of gems in the Museum, Mr. Phillips has generously lent his personal collection of faceted stones for this special exhibition, and has presented to the Museum the following stones which are featured in the display:

158 carat Sinhalite

113 carat Tourmaline

65 carat Amethyst

Following this exhibit, these three stones will be displayed ~~in one of the small cases~~ in this hall.

Exhibits

SINHALITE

158 carats

This gem mineral was identified as a new species in 1952. Specimens now recognized as sinhalite had previously been classified as "brown peridot", ~~or tourmaline~~.

The mineral is known to occur only in Ceylon and derives its name from the native name for that country, Sinhalam.

This is the largest known specimen of sinhalite.

Gift of Wm. E. Phillips

TOURMALINE

113 carats

Madagascar

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AMETHYST

65 carats

Siberia

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